

NEBRASKA GIS STEERING COMMITTEE
Thursday, Nov. 1, 2007, 1:00 p.m.
Main Auditorium, Nebraska Department of Roads
1500 Nebraska Highway 2, Lincoln
PROPOSED MINUTES

Roll Call Present (authorized to vote *)

John Beran	*	State Surveyors Office
Mark Bruegger	*	Nebr Public Power District
Lash Chaffin	*	League of Nebr. Municipalities
Rob Christian	*	Dept. of Revenue
Ryan Christensen	*	Dept. of Roads
Steve Henderson	*	Chair, Office of the CIO
Les Howard	*	UNL Conservation & Survey Division
Josh Lear	*	Natural Resources
Tom Rauner	*	DHHS
Mike Schonlau	*	Douglas County-Omaha GIS
Duane Stott	*	Scotts Bluff County Surveyor
Paul Yamamoto	*	Environmental Quality

Others

Larry Zink GIS Steering Committee Coordinator
Lori Lopez Urdiales, Office of the CIO

[Meeting Agenda](#)

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTION OF AUDIENCE ATTENDEES

Mr. Henderson called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. There were nine members present at roll call. There was no quorum present to conduct official business. The Open Meetings law was posted on the south wall of the room. The meeting continued with informational items. Guests introduced themselves.

Les Howard arrived to the meeting. A quorum existed to conduct official business.

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT FROM ATTENDEES

There was no public comment.

[APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 7/25/07 MEETING](#)

Mr. Chaffin moved to approve the July 25, 2007 minutes as presented. Mr. Schonlau seconded. No corrections were offered and a roll call of the members present [passed the motion unanimously](#).

IMAGERY INITIATIVES UPDATES

[Nebraska-Iowa Regional Orthoimagery Consortium \(NI-ROC\) 2007](#)

Mr. Schonlau reported that all color imagery has been delivered with the exception of Lancaster County. All color imagery is expected to have to be delivered by end of the month. Once color imagery has been approved, the black and white imagery will be developed. Mr. Schonlau also noted that there had a few flight lines in the delivered imagery in which the data had been corrupted or lost. These flight lines passed through some critical areas of Douglas and Washington Counties. The vendor plans to re-fly these areas this fall, after the corn is picked and before the snow flies. The re-flight areas will be done before January. If members are interested in receiving any 6" or 12" current data, they were to contact Mr. Schonlau.

[FSA 2006 Statewide 1-meter Imagery](#)

Mr. Zink reported that the price has come down since the last meeting. The cost went down from \$50,000 to just under \$8500. Any comments or questions can be directed to Kim Menke.

John Beran and Josh Lear arrived to the meeting.

[NEBRASKA GEOSPATIAL DATA SHARING AND WEB SERVICES NETWORK](#)

The Office of the CIO submitted grants for a project to develop data sharing and web services network. The Office of the CIO has received \$25,000 for one year with expectations that we will return for another year's funding from the State Records Board and an NITC Government Technology Collaboration Fund grant of \$150,000 (over a 2-year period). A contribution of \$60,000 (over a 2-year period) will come from other state agencies. In the process now of seeking to hire a technical lead for the project.

[STREET CENTERLINE ADDRESS WORK \(NDOR, NPSC, STATE PATROL\) AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE AUTHORIZATION](#)

Mr. Zink provided a background on an earlier Advisory Committee on street centerline-addresses and more recent work with the State Patrol on this issue. Mr. Zink presented the draft of a resolution authorizing the creation of an Advisory Committee on Street Centerline-Databases. Key agencies that could possibly be involved are the Department of Roads, the Office of the CIO, Nebraska State Patrol and the Public Service Commission. The Advisory Committee could also recommend standards and guidelines through the NITC Technical Panel. The Public Service Commission is in the process of developing the data for 911 but they are not interested in maintaining and distributing the information in a statewide format and it is hoped that this Advisory Committee of the GIS Steering Committee can work with agencies to develop a collaborative enterprise-level solution. Mr. Schonlau stated that local government both has and would be interested in the data.

Mr. Schonlau moved to adopt the resolution as presented. Mr. Yamamoto seconded. The [motion passed by unanimous vote](#).

[METADATA AND GEOSPATIAL DATA CATALOGUE CAMPAIGN](#)

There will be more to report at the next meeting on a regional Mid-American initiative to provide training.

[LIDAR UPDATE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE AUTHORIZATION](#)

Approximately two years ago, an informal group met to discuss possible GIS Steering Committee involvement in LIDAR development. There was a considerable amount of interest, but the funds involved were quite substantial. Primarily due to the lack of any lead agency stepping forward to seriously engage on the issue of funding, the matter was tabled. Since then, there has been a renewed interest from some of the GIS members. There has been a more recent meeting with some of the potential key agency players (NDNR, NDOR, USFWS, NRCS) and there was some serious interest communicated. However, it was determined that because of the funding involved, that if this issue was to have a chance of moving forward a serious business case would need to be developed. At that time, Brian Dunnigan offered the services of NDNR to lead an effort to develop a business case. Since then NDNR had done some initial research and development related to such a business case. It is the current feeling that to continue to move this issue forward, it would be helpful to pull together a formal Advisory Committee to take the lead in engaging more agencies in this business case development effort. NDNR has again offered to provide leadership to this Advisory Committee.

Mr. Zink offered a draft resolution authorizing the creation of an Advisory Committee on LIDAR.

Discussion followed regarding the committee's responsibilities and other issues to consider:

- Training on and use of data
- Get communities input to determine if Nebraska wants to invest in interest
- Determine the pros and cons of LIDAR involvement
- Determine who would use the data
- Accuracy level of data
- Possibility of partnerships for a statewide effort.

Mr. Brugger recommended adding Nebraska Public Power Districts to the membership of the Advisory Committee.

Mr. Chaffin moved to adopt the resolution. Mr. Schonlau seconded with a friendly amendment to add the Nebraska Public Power Districts to advisory committee membership. Mr. Chaffin accepted the amendment. The [motion passed by unanimous vote](#).

NHD STEWARDSHIP AGREEMENT

Mr. Lear informed the committee that the Dept of Natural Resources is working with the GIS Steering Committee, and USGS to develop a three-party agreement on stewardship of the High Resolution National Hydrographic Dataset. NDNR has indicated a willingness to take on the technical work of maintaining and enhancing the dataset for Nebraska, but wants the support of the GIS Steering Committee for outreach, funding and training. USGS will provide tools and technical assistance. An evolving draft of this three-party agreement is circulating among the powers that be in USGS.

2008 STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

An email had been sent to members regarding a proposed meeting date change. Beginning January 9th, the GIS Steering Committee will generally be meeting on the second Wednesday of every other month. A few deviation were incorporated in the proposed schedule to adjust for holidays and meeting space conflicts. The Steering Committee adopted the [proposed meeting schedule for 2008](#).

NEBRASKA GIS STRATEGIC PLANNING

Mr. Henderson reviewed the strategic planning documents. One of the processes listed was to submit a FGDC CAP grant application by December 18th.

FGDC Cooperative Agreement Program Grants- Fifty States Initiative

The grant cycle is open for states to apply for \$50,000 grants to assist with strategic planning. There is a 50% in-kind match requirement. There will be ten grants awarded nationally. The closing deadline is 12/18. The in-kind contribution would be GIS Steering Committee members' time.

An extensive discussion followed about the pros and cons for applying for such a planning grant and the best use of Mr. Zink time. Mr. Rauner moved to authorize Mr. Zink to proceed with the Fifty States Initiative grant application. Mr. Chaffin seconded. The [motion passed by unanimous vote](#).

GIS Steering Committee Structural Proposal Discussion

At the last Strategic Planning Advisory Committee meeting, there was discussion regarding legislative change in regards to the GIS Steering Committee structure. It was recommended to have the GIS Steering Committee more closely related to the NITC. The NITC is charged with coordination of I.T. for the State of Nebraska. Other states are also moving towards connections with the Offices of the CIO.

Mr. Henderson reported that the NITC is having a joint briefing with the Appropriations Committee and Telecommunications and Transportation Committee to provide an update on the NITC activities. Lieutenant Governor Sheehy has agreed to ask the joint committee about incorporating I.T. entities such as the GIS Steering Committee under the umbrella of the NITC.

The NITC Performance Audit hearing will be held on November 20th. If members are interested in the full report, it posted on the legislative website (<http://nebraskalegislature.gov/web/public/reports/audit>). The report includes policy recommendations that the legislature will need to consider. One recommendation is to give the NITC responsibility for the operational aspects of I.T. efforts of state government. A public hearing has been set regarding policy recommendations and the level of authority the NITC can exercise.

Members' comments and preferences included the following:

- Good to have a tighter connection to the NITC.
- Don't want lots of change in the statutory language
- Keep the GIS Steering Committee in statute but put it under the NITC
- Take membership wording out so that the committee can determine membership with approval by the NITC, for example more local government.

Mr. Henderson will keep members informed.

ANNUAL REPORT

Mr. Zink proposed that the annual report be shortened by providing highlights of what the GIS Committee has done this past year and focus on proposed strategic planning effort, and pull the report in with the strategic planning. The group agreed.

REPORT ON GIS ACTIVITIES FROM MEMBER AGENCIES

Members were given an opportunity to provide reports on agency activities.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the Mr. Henderson adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Meeting minutes were taken by Lori Lopez Urdiales and reviewed by Larry Zink, Office of the CIO.

[Record of meeting votes](#)

Vote Tallies - November 1, 2007

	Roll Call	Minutes #1	Str Ctrline- Add Adv Cmte #2	LIDAR Adv Cmte #3	FGDC Grant #4	#5	#6	#7
DAS - Steve Henderson (Brenda Decker)	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	.	.	.
DEQ - Tom Lamberson, Paul Yamamoto (Mike Linder)	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	.	.	.
CSD - Don Wilhite, Les Howard , Milda Vaitkus	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	.	.	.
NGPC - Bruce Sackett, Sudhir Ponnapan (Rex Amack)	A		.	.	.	.	.	.
NRC - Josh Lear , Kim Menke, (Ann Bleed)	A/P	.	Y	Y	Y	.	.	.
PRO - John Erickson (Lauren Hill)	A		.	.	.	.	.	.
PTD - Ruth Sorensen , Bob Martin, Rob Christian	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	.	.	.
DOR - Ryan Christensen , Rose Braun, (John Craig)	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	.	.	.
St.Surv - Steve Cobb , John Beran	A/P	.	Y	Y	Y	.	.	.
Clk of Leg. - Patrick O'Donnell	A		.	.	.	.	.	.
Jim Langtry	A		.	.	.	.	.	.
John Miyoshi , Chris Poole	A		.	.	.	.	.	.
Mark Brugger	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	.	.	.
Larry Seifert	A		.	.	.	.	.	.
Larry Worrell	A		.	.	.	.	.	.
Lash Chaffin	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	.	.	.
Duane Stott	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	.	.	.
Mike Schonlau	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	.	.	.
HHSS: Thomas Rauner , Wendy McNulty	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	.	.	.
TOTALS	12	10-Y	12-Y	12-Y	12-Y	.	.	.

"P"=present, "A"=absent, "+"=voting for, "-"=voting against, "NV"=not voting